

CITY OF MILTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

1139 SMITH STREET
MILTON, WV 25541

APRIL 1, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Those present were Mayor Shane Evans, Recorder Phyllis Smith, Council Members Carl Harshbarger, Troy Nicely, Scott Foster, Scott Bias, and Chase Bryant. The invocation was given by Council Member Nicely and the pledge of allegiance was said in unison.

Council Member Foster introduced the Milton All-Stars second and fourth grade basketball teams. They won the Kanawha Valley League, which was made up of about 20 teams. The players and their coaches had pictures taken with the Mayor and City Council and they were congratulated on a job well done.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the agenda. Second by Council Member Bias. Motion carried.

Mayor Evans presented the minutes from the March 4, 2025 Council Meeting and the March 20, 2025 Special Meeting. Council Member Bias moved to approve the minutes. Second by Recorder Smith. Motion carried.

The City bills were presented for February 2025 totaling \$134,675.45 for the General Fund. Council Member Bias moved to approve the bills. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Recorder Smith read the City Financial Report for February 2025. General Fund Total: \$1,479,783.69; Coal Severance Total: \$12,163.77; Cemetery Total: \$88,449.80; Opioid Settlement Fund Total: \$132,102.56; American Rescue Plan Act Total: \$0.00; Building Commission Total: \$4,784.89. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the Financial Reports. Second by Council Member Foster. Motion carried.

Chief Kyle O'Dell read the Police Report for February 2025. Recorder Smith moved to approve the Police Report. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

There was no report from the Milton Housing Authority.

The Report from the Milton Volunteer Fire Department was given by Jonathan Black. Council Member Foster moved to approve the report. Second by Recorder Smith. Motion carried.

A Resolution was presented authorizing the transfer of \$7,445.69 from the Police Savings account to the General fund for expenses incurred in the month of February 2025. Council Member Bias moved to approve the Resolution. Second by Council Member Bryant. Motion carried.

Council considered upon appointing Mike Ramsey as the Director of Public Works. Council Member Nicely moved to approve the appointment. Second by Council Member Harshbarger. Motion carried.

Mayor Evans gave the second reading of an Ordinance enacting Article 116: “Municipal Activity Board”. Council Member Harshbarger moved to approve the second reading. Second by Council Member Bias. Mayor Evans requested a roll call vote. Council Member Harshbarger – YES. Council Member Nicely – YES. Recorder Smith – NO. Council Member Foster – NO. Council Member Bias – YES. Council Member Bryant – NO. Mayor Evans – YES. With four (4) AYES and three (3) NAYS the motion to approve the second reading carried.

Council considered Financial Consulting and Grant Services by Justin Williams. It was stated that Mr. Williams would only be used for grant writing purposes. Council Member Foster moved to approve using Mr. Williams for grant writing. Second by Council Member Nicely. Motion carried.

Council considered upon participating in the Fourth Annual “Paint the Town Blue” in support of April being Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mayor Evans and all Council Members gave Recorder Smith permission to purchase blue pinwheels to be displayed and to hand out to the community in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Council Member Foster discussed the Cabell County Fair 5k Run, which is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2025. A representative from the fair asked for the City’s assistance in blocking off roads and for the route that had been taken in the past. The 5k run is set to begin at 8 am and end at 10 am.

Council Member Harshbarger moved to adjourn at 7:47pm. Second by Council Member Foster. Motion carried.

Mayor Shane Evans

Recorder Phyllis Smith